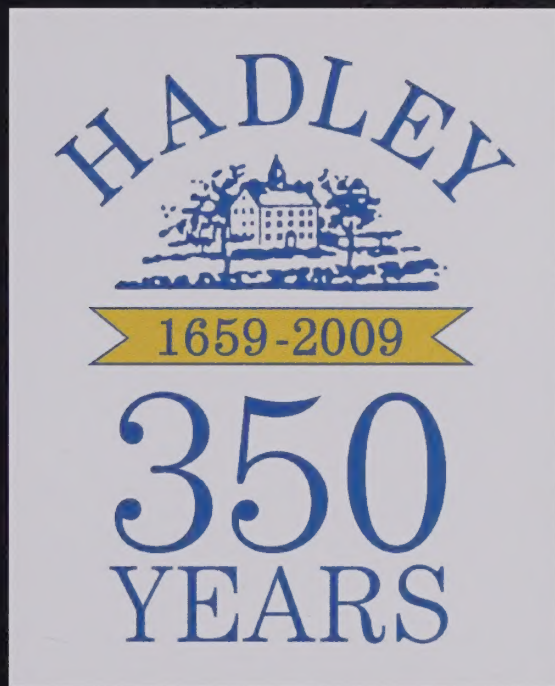




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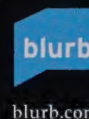
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A message from the Parade Committee

Hadley's 350th parade was held on Sunday, June 14, 2009. The two-hour parade started on Russell Street (Route 9) at the Mill Valley Road intersection and traveled west down Russell Street to the West Street Common (1.8 miles). The parade consisted of approximately 1200 participants in 20 bands, more than 30 floats, over 200 Shriners, antique bicycles, trucks, tractors, farm equipment, automobiles, and much, much more. Thanks go out to the thought, care, and preparation by the parade committee who worked so diligently for the past three years to put together this fantastic memorable event. They couldn't have done it without the terrific help from all the volunteers on the day of the parade which included their family members, Hadley friends, members of the Hadley Fire Department (who manned the emergency stations), the Hadley Police Department along with police from surrounding town, who all kept traffic running smoothly, the Hampshire County Sheriffs who parked cars, and the Hadley Highway Department for all of the rapid cleanup work. The crowd seemed very appreciative and enthusiastic and even the weather eventually cooperated, turning from drizzle to sunshine just as the parade was about to start.

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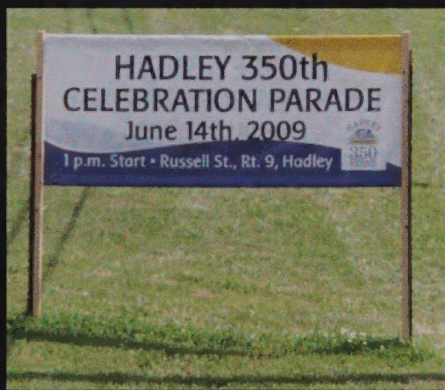
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GETTING READY

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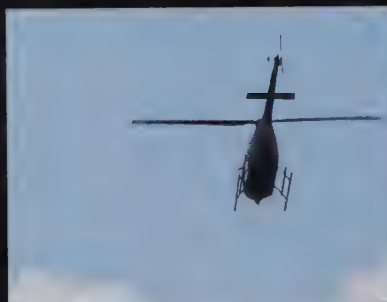
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THE SKIES CLEAR AND THE PARADE BEGINS



Chief Hukowicz, Hadley's police chief for 21 years, leads the way. Behind him in cruisers are Sergeant Damion Shanley and Acting Sergeant Michael Mason.

A helicopter from Otis Air Force Base on the Cape flies over. Photos RT, RT



The Old Hadley American Legion, Post 271

Current membership is
about 125 with 90% from
Hadley. Photos GD, GD, GD





HADLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT COLOR GUARD

The Hadley Fire Department is delighted to present their newly formed color guard. The Hadley Firefighters Association, a non-profit organization made up of fire department members, purchased these five complete Class A uniforms including new flags and ceremonial axes.



The Grand Marshal, John Koloski, is riding on the Farm Museum's 1848 Abbot Stage Coach. John was a former member of the volunteer fire department, coached little league, served for 15 years as a Hadley selectman and served on Hadley's 300th and 350th anniversary parade committees. Tom West, president of the Farm Museum, rides beside John. Inside are the 350th Committee co-chairs, Mary Thayer and David Martula, and John's wife, Phyllis.





Hopkins Academy Band

The Hopkins Academy Marching Band, under the leadership of long time band director Eddie Forman, has 105 student marchers. Over 60% of the high school student body is involved in the band. Hopkins Academy has a long tradition of musical organizations including Choral groups, Concert, Marching, Jazz and Pep Bands, something they are all proud of.

Photo DW



Alumni Association of Hopkins Academy

This float is a replica of an earlier Hopkins Academy building (1817 to 1860).

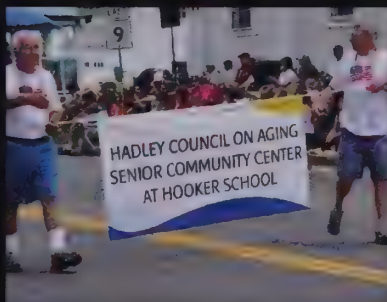


Mrs. Victoria Kozera Drabek

Hadley's oldest citizen, at 101, she is driven by Bob Gosselin

Hadley Council on Aging

Members and friends of the Council on Aging are being transported by horse, Doc, and driver Barry Roberts of Amherst.



The Hadley Council on Aging is a town department located in the Senior Community Center at the historic Hooker School. They offer a wide variety of programs and services including an annual Mardi gras celebration.





The Hampshire County Farm Bureau sponsored an antique dump cart, driven by Sam White of Muddy Brook Farm. The bureau is a grassroots organization that helps area farmers.

The riders below are from the Muddy Brook Farm Riding Program in Amherst.

Photos RT, GD, RT, GD





Dicey Riley Irish Band and the Kelley Farm

The 1954 International tractor and tobacco rack is driven by Matt Tudryn, with passenger Andrew Bombadier. The Mack truck pulling the Irish Dicey Riley band was once a Northampton fire truck before the Kelley farm purchased it. Dancers are Greer Southworth, Arley Edwald and Nikki West, all of Hadley. Ed Kelley and his wife Cathy are in Ed's 1954 Buick Super.

Photos RT, RT, GG, GD





Hockanum Villagers Association

This float is a replica of the early Summit House on Mt. Holyoke and the covered tramway. It was built by Stuart Russell, John Barstow and Fred Lyman and entered in the 1959 Hadley 300th Parade. Stuart Russell's grandson, also Stuart Russell, who is a 2009 Hopkins graduate, is driving the truck.



Western Mass. Model T. Club

The Western Mass. Model T Club was founded in 1951. Here Mark Uchneat of Hadley drives his restored 1924 Model T Roadster. Mark's late father-in-law, Francis Tudryn, acquired the Model T in 1967. The car had been stored in pieces in several locations since. Mark spent five years restoring it for the 350th parade.



Hadley's
Selectmen, Past
and Present and
Elected Officials





The Hadley Fire Department

has one full time Captain, and 28 call force members who are on-call 24 hours a day. The department is under the direction of Chief James E. Kicza.

1908 Hose Wagon No. 4 pictured below. It was in service until 1929, and restored in 1950 by the Hadley Firefighter's Association. Retired Asst. Chief Myron Chudzik is riding on the wagon, Sarah Wilson from Muddy Brook Farm is driving.

Photos JT, GD



The 1929 REO

Speedwagon, shown at the top of both pages, was Hadley's first motorized pumper. It was put into service after the flood of 1927 and was decommissioned in 1955.

2006 Engine 3

Seagraves Marauder II Attack Pumper, pictured below. The truck carries 750 gallons of water, 20 gallons of foam and has a 1250 gallon per minute pump. It has 3,100 feet of hose and seats 6 firefighters.

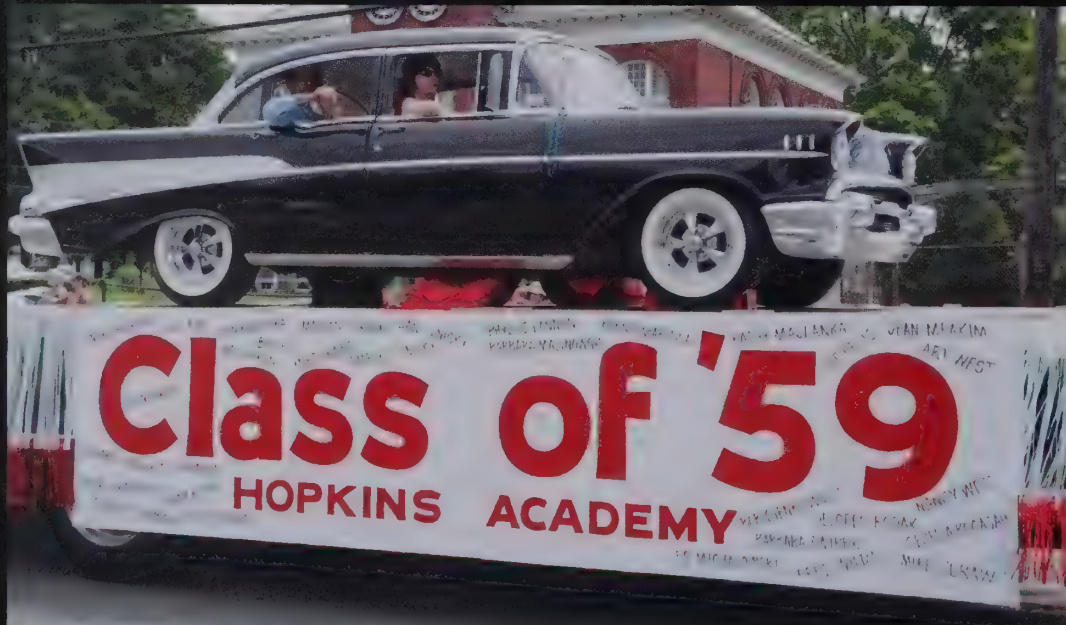
Photos GG, GG



Hopkins Academy Graduating Class of 1959

This float created by the 1959 Hopkins Graduating Class is a 1950's drive-in diner with music and car hop service. The car hops are Christina Kazalis and Kaitlin Richotte, both student at Hopkins Academy, and the short order cook is Joseph Pelis. Waiting in the car for service are members of the Nick Wojtowicz family who donated the car.

Photos JM, JT



Hadley Historical Society

Hadley Historical Society trustee Thomas McGee is driving a 1976 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow. Riding with Tom are Gordon Smith, Arlene McGee and Merle Buckhout. The Historical Society organization consists of volunteers who collect artifacts and papers related to the history of the town. These items are on display in the Historical Room located on the second floor of the Goodwin Library.

Photos RT, GD





Polish American Citizens Club

PACC was founded in 1926. It's a non profit club that raises money through fundraising events for various groups in town. There are approx. 25 members. Membership is not limited to those of Polish decent. Their float features a Polish band led by Pat Cycz. The picture of the Polish eagle on the float was drawn by Michael Fitzgibbon, the grandson of PACC members Joe and Mary Fitzgibbon.

Photos JT, RT, GD



Bill Smith

Bill is a life time resident of Hadley. He is riding his registered quarter horse, Saul, a 20 year old palomino. Bill also rode a horse in Hadley's 300th parade, at the age of 16, dressed liked an Indian.

Hadley Historical Commission

The Hadley Historical Commission's mission is "Saving Hadley's Past for Hadley's Future" and their float, driven by Jack Czajkowski, shows iconic Hadley buildings. Riding on the float are two current members Claire Carlson and Marla Miller. Our "youth" is represented by Cam Matthew, Natalie Kulikowski, Alex Aquadro and Claire Schneider.

Photos GG, GD, GG



John Kieras

This 1951 Chevy convertible is owned by John Kieras of Hadley and driven by his son-in-law David Ciolkos. Other family members are riding along.





Wethersfield Police and Volunteer Fire Departments

Many of Hadley's founding families came from Wethersfield, CT. Wethersfield has the oldest continuous volunteer fire department in New England. The 1945 restored American LaFrance Guard Truck and engine pumper are followed by the restored 1941 police car.

Photos JT, GD, GG



Windsor Fife and Drum

The award winning Winsor Fife & Drum Corps was established in 1985 and is directed by Francis Dillion. Several of Hadley's founding families were from Windsor.

Misty Meadow Farm

Riders Carla Mokrzecki and
Donald Dion

Photos RT, RT, JT





Hadley Public Schools This float has a hawk and a hawk's nest filled with eggs, with students as baby hawks. Behind the float are employees, faculty, staff and administrators.
Photos DW, RT, GD



Leverett Fire Dept., Frank R. Blajda, DCR / CCC

Frank, who lives in Hadley, is on his 1939 F-20 Farmall Tractor. Members of the Dept. of Conservation and the Civilian Conservation Corps are on their 1939 International D-15 rack truck.

Photos all RT



Mapleline Farm

is located in Hadley and has been run by the Kokoski Family for 105 years. Mapleline has over 100 Jersey cows and bottles its milk right on the premises. The driver of the float is Michael Kokoski. The drivers on the John Deere tractors are Chad Dizek and Ed Dizek.

Photos GD, JT, JT



Hampshire County Sheriffs

UMASS Police Department

has 63 sworn officers including
the bike unit, motorcycle unit,
K9 unit and mounted unit.

Photos JM, JM, JT





Westhampton Fire Dept. Truck

Excelsior Drum and Bugle Corps

This group is from the Greater capital district of New York and the Pittsfield area of Mass. There are 45 members in the group performing the On Broadway track to Robin Hood.

Photos GG, GD, GG



Ancient Mariners

The Ancient Mariners, Connecticut Fife and Drum Corps were founded in 1959 by Roy Watrous, a Guilford native with a passion for the sea. Their portrayal of the common sailor of 1812 brings to life a vivid display of the colonial seaman through an enthusiastic rendition of a musical good time. The firing of their cannon made quite a few parade viewers jump in surprise.

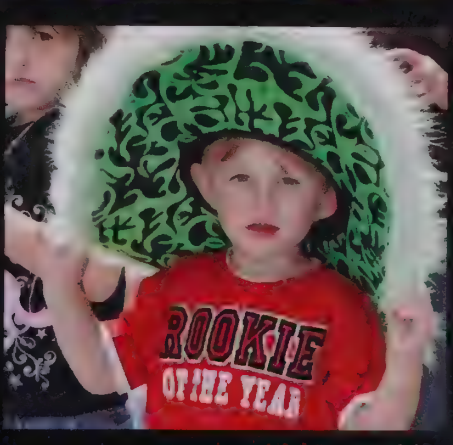
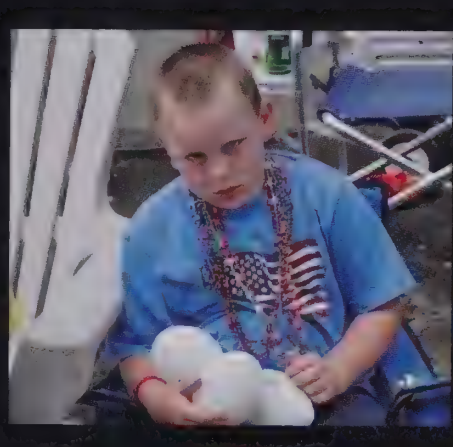
Photos MT, JT, GG





THE CROWD

Photos top row RT, RS, GD, middle row GD, bottom row GD, RT, DW



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WHOLE FOODS MARKET

is the world's leader in natural and organic foods with more than 270 stores in No. America and the UK. This entry by the Hadley Whole Foods is their version of a Shopping Cart Drill Team

Photos RS, JT, JT





Amherst Fire and Police Departments.

The Amherst Fire Dept. is made up of three unique forces: full time career firefighters, part time call force of fire fighters and student volunteers from local colleges. The Amherst's SAFE (Student Awareness of Fire Education) trailer helps teach children.

Photos MT, JM, JT, GD





Marquis of Granby Junior Fyfe and Drum Corps

Formed in 1969, the Marquis of Granby Jr. Ancient Fyfe & Drum Corps introduces youth in Granby, CT and the surrounding towns to both the music and history of 18th century Colonial America. As a living history organization, the Corps portrays an American Colonial militia sponsored by a titled English nobleman in the period before the American Revolutionary War.

Photos MT, RT, RT



Amherst College Campus Police

The cruiser is driven by Officer Andrew Sieracki of Hadley and riding with him are his children, Alex and Lauren.

Norm's Auto Body
with a 1941 Chevrolet

The EyeMobile
is an especially equipped mobile unit that travels around Western Massachusetts. It provides free health screening for vision, glaucoma, hearing, diabetes, and blood pressure. Photos GG, MT, JM





FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF HADLEY



First Congregational Church of Hadley

is celebrating their own 350th anniversary. Their original members precipitated the founding of the town of Hadley. Adorning the float is their trademark spire and rooster weathervane. The church choir members are sitting on pews which are over 200 years old, and are being directed by their choir director, Toni Wilcox. Marge Barstow (lower right) has sung in the church choir for over 75 years. Rev. Sarah Buteux (lower left) waves to the crowd.

Photos RS, RT, GD

Opposite page MT



MEMORIAL
1861-1917

FROM THE
FRONT

 *Anything is possible with Girl Scouts*



Hadley Girl Scouts

The float represents Girl Scouts throughout the ages. The theme "From here to there, anything is possible with Girl Scouts". The bridge represents the crossing from one level of Girl Scouts to the other. The Float Committee was led by Paulette Kuzdeba. The troops in the Hadley Service Unit are led by Jean Baxter and Ruth Morse.

Photos RS, GD, MT, opposite pg MT



Wesley United Methodist Church

The theme of this float is called "Celebrating 350 years of Religious Freedom" and depicts people representing worshipers in 1659 and 2009. The Wesley United Methodist Church building on North Maple Street was completed in 2006.

Photo RS



Wanczyk Nursery

Wanczyk Nursery is a local nursery started in 1954 by Michael Wanczyk, Sr. on Route 9. Today it has over 50 acres of plants and trees planted throughout Hadley. They sell retail and wholesale and have a display of 10 acres at 166 Russell Street. Their motto is "come to the source".

Photo MT

Greenfield Fire Department

Massachusetts State Police

Antique cruiser, and new marked
police cruisers

Photo MT, JT, MT





The Polish Heritage Committee was formed to honor the polish heritage and keep traditions alive. The group has received a proclamation from the City of Northampton proclaiming October as Polish Heritage Month. The group organizes a parade to Pulaski Park each year which features our own Hopkins Academy Marching Band.

Photos RS, MT, RT, GG

Reviewing Stand

From left to right:
Anna and John Mish,
Selectman Gerry
Devine (standing),
Iggie and Jennie
Waskiewicz

Photos GD



From Left to right:
Phyllis and John
Koloski (seated),
Select Board Members
Joyce Chunglo, Gloria
DiFulvio, Daniel
Dudkiewicz, Town
Administrator David
Nixon, Hadley 350th
co-chair, Mary Thayer.
In front are State
Representative John
Scibak and Gazette
reporter Nick Grabbe.





SUGARING TIME THEN AND NOW



Florence Community Band

This local, all volunteer group, was formed in April 2001 with only 10 members and has grown to 50 members, led by Priscilla Ross.

North Hadley Sugar Shack

A Farmall tractor owned by the Boisvert family farm pulls a flatbed truck demonstrating how maple sugar is made here in Hadley consisting of an evaporator and sugaring equipment.

Photos RT, JT, opposite page RT





Hampshire Council of Government.

The float has a replica of North Hadley Hall and an old school desk. The 1882 school bell hung in Russell School for years. The Hampshire Council is a voluntary association of cities and towns in Hampshire County.

Hampshire Lodge of Masons

The Hampshire Lodge of Masons members are staging a monthly meeting

Photos MT, MT, MT



Three County Fair

A Labor Day Weekend Tradition

Easthampton Fire Department

with a 2008 KME 100 Foot Aerial Ladder Truck

The Royer Family

On the float is Mrs. Royer, a Hadley native, and family members Jennifer, Rachel Pease, Julia Pease, Rita and Jim Melo and Jacob. Peter Royer is driving the truck.

Photos DW, RT, MT





Belchertown Twirlers

The twirlers are currently Massachusetts State Champions and Northeast Regional Champions. The team ranges in age from 6 years to 25 years old.

Holyoke H. S. Band

nicknamed the Marching Knights, is comprised of 85 members, plus color guard and banner carriers.

Doubleday Farms

has over 60 acres of farmland, and grows potatoes, sweet corn, squash and blueberries.

Photos MT, DW, JT



Northampton St. Patrick's Association and Northampton Fire Department

This 22 ft. float is a replica of the Calvin Coolidge Bridge celebrating the joining of the two communities, Hadley and Northampton. Also with this group is a marching delegation from the St. Patrick's Association.



Photos JT, GD, RT



10th MA Volunteer Militia

The 10th Massachusetts Infantry Military was formed in Springfield consisting of citizens from area counties and communities at the outbreak of the American Civil War, answering the President's call to arms. Today this band is commanded by Major Alan Guditis of Florence, MA.

Photos RS, RT, RT



Gary Berg

The 1931 Model A Roadster is owned by Gary Berg. The car is driven by Gary's daughter Amanda, a 2005 graduate of Hopkins Academy.



Asparagus Man

Ed Malinowski delighted the crowd with his asparagus costume, his stilt walking skills, and his hand-outs - asparagus!

Photos DT, RT, GD





CELEBRATING HADLEY'S 350 YEARS OF FARMING





Boisvert Farm

The Boisvert farm is featuring asparagus (one of their main crops) showing "bunching" and asparagus in boxes. The float is being pulled by a 1987 John Deere tractor.

Photos MT, MT, opposite page RT



Cook Farm

on South Maple Street is celebrating 100 years in 2009. The Cook Farm is run by Gordon Cook, Jr. and his son Hank. Cook Farm is proud to have won Premier Breeder for 18 consecutive years at the Massachusetts State Show. Flayvors Restaurant opened in 1998, and is a favorite of many in the area.

Photo GD

Hartsbrook Farm

The Hartsbrook Farm was founded in 1806 and has had registered Holsteins since 1912. The 6th and 7th generation are now farming and the 8th generation of farmers are on the float. The float has a replica of a barn, calf, old horse plow, old yoke water carrier and other old farm equipment. Art West is driving the tractor.

Photo GD, RS, opposite page MT







Eastern States Exposition

The Big E is the largest fair in the northeast, an autumn tradition.

Valley Vodka, Inc.

Paul Kozub, owner and founder of the award winning V-One Vodka, made his first batch of vodka in 2005 in the basement of his home in Hadley. Little did he know that only three years later V-One would be considered one of the world's finest vodkas.

Photos JM, RT, RS



The Drozdal Family

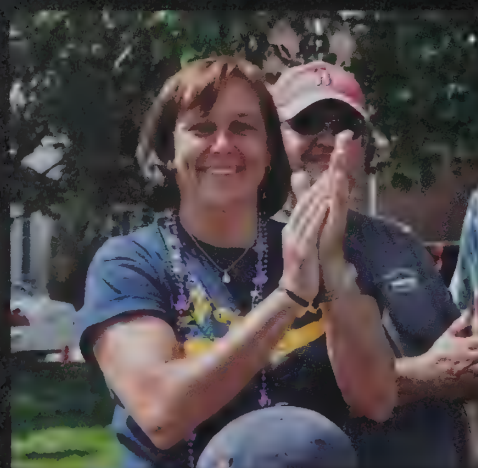
Members of the Drozdal family,
William, James and Robert.

Marksman Alumni Drum and Bugle Corps

The Marksmen Alumni Drum and Bugle Corps is a parade and concert performance organization dedicated to the spirit and pageantry of drum and bugle corps.

Photos RS, RT, JT





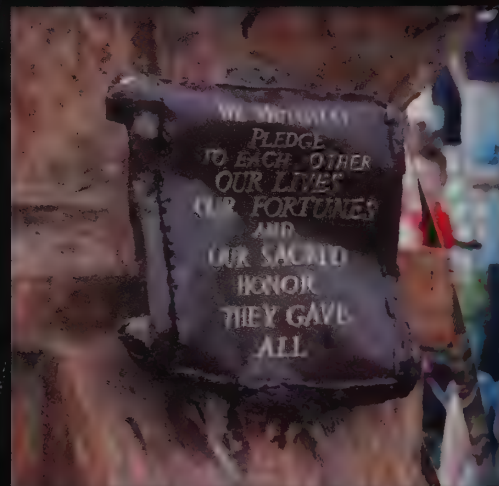




Freedom Fighter Foundation

This U.S. Marine statue was designed by Thomas F. Geas, a retired Marine veteran who served in tours to Iraq, Afghanistan, and Somalia. If standing, this armed fighter statue would be 6' 8" tall. The inscription on the scroll at the base is from the US Declaration of Independence which reads "WE MUTUALLY PLEDGE TO EACH OTHER OUR LIVES OUR FORTUNES AND OUR SACRED HONOR THEY GAVE ALL".

Photos MT, MT,



Tally-Ho 4-H Horse Club

The Tally-Ho Club was started in 1954 by Dick Nelson, a horseman for the University of Massachusetts, his wife Olive, and a long time 4-H supporter Phyllis Cox. This club is believed to be the longest continuous running 4-H horse club in Massachusetts, if not the country. Currently the club has 35 members, all of whom study and work with horses throughout the year.

Photos GD, JM, JM



Atkins Farms Country Market

This float was created by the Atkins Farms Country Market, a locally owned and operated business. Atkins Farms started in the apple growing business in 1887. The first retail building was built in 1962. As their retail business grew over the years they added carefully selected local produce, fruits and added a bakery and more. Photos RT, MT GD



Boy Scout Troop #504

Boy Scout Troop #504 of North Amherst. The float depicts the outdoor activities which the boy scouts enjoy while learning about nature and co-existence.

Photos DW, MT, MT





Warehouse Point Ancient Fife & Drum Corps.

The original Warehouse Point Fife and Drum Corps was organized in 1880 and was made up of Civil War Veterans. The current Corps was re-established in 1990 and its members come from Connecticut and Massachusetts. Fifers play on 6-hole wooden fifes while drummers play on rope tensioned drums.

Photos JT, RT, MT



Town of Sunderland

This float called "Around Sunderland" depicts history of the town of Sunderland.

Accompanying the float are members of the Board of Selectmen and members of the Sunderland Historical Commission.

The Sunderland Fire Dept. was organized in 1934. The department is made up of 30 on-call volunteers for both fire and EMS. Their entry in the parade is a 2004 Smeal pumper truck.



Photos JM, RS, JT





Smokey the Bear & Goshen Fire Dept.

State Forest Fire Control- District 10 and Goshen Fire Truck.

Smokey celebrates his 65th birthday on August 9th. Ted Davidson is driving the Goshen Fire Department Brush Truck, 56B1.

Waltham American Legion Band

was founded in 1948 and consists of 70 members.

Photos JT, JT, MT

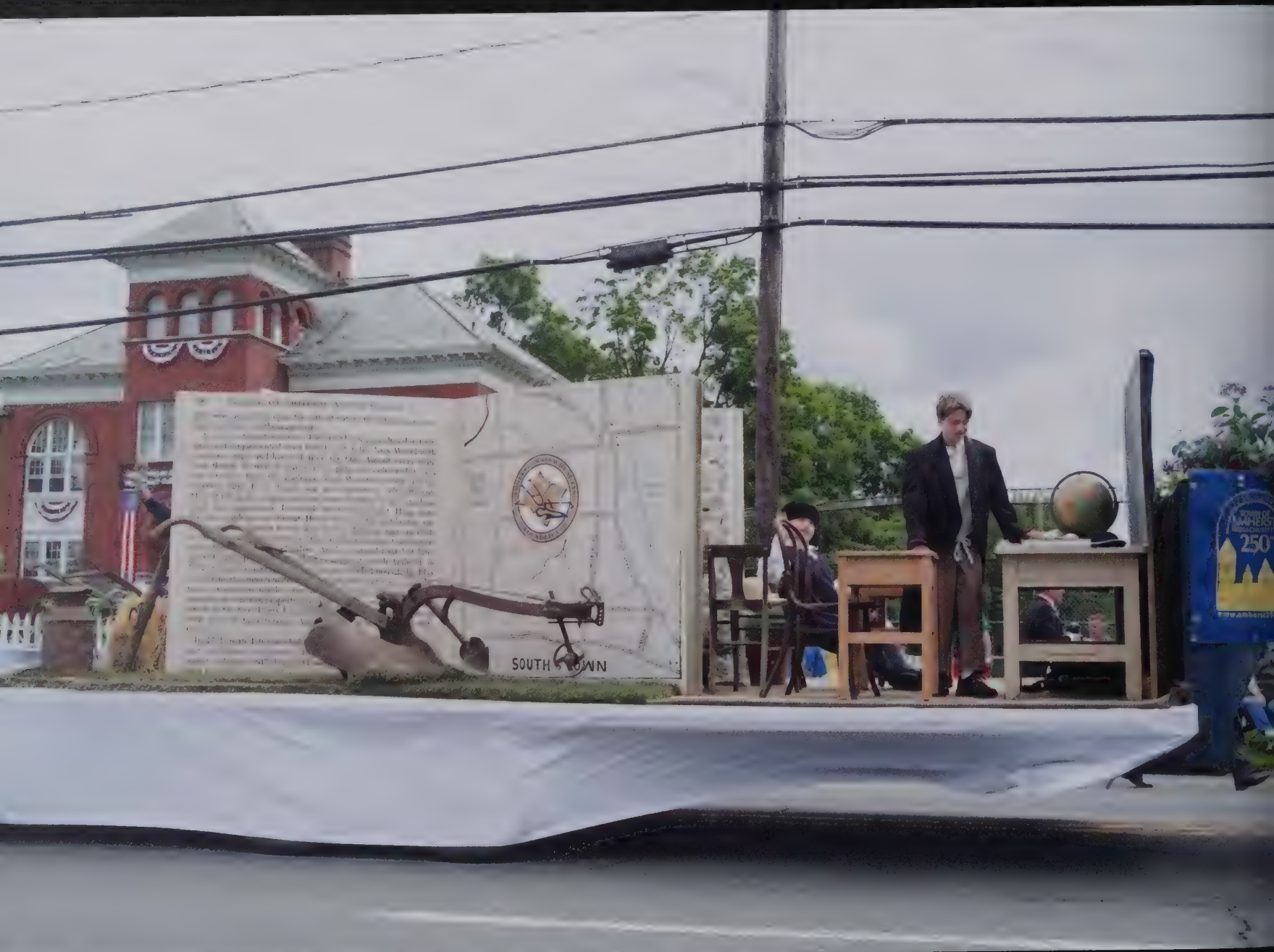


Czelusniak Funeral Home of Northampton

This 5-piece Dixie brass mourning band is leading a horse-drawn 1865 antique hearse which is owned by the Czelusniak family. The antique green and black hotel limo carrying the Czelusniak Family is being pulled by Monty and Rose and driven by Heather Perry of Muddy Brook Farm.

Photos MT, MT, GD





Amherst 250th Anniversary Celebration Committee

The town of Amherst float, celebrating their 250th anniversary, features a replica of the Amherst town seal depicting a book and plow created by Barry Roberts Group from The Delta Organic Farm on East Road.

Photos MT, GD, MT opposite page JT





David Johnson Family in 2009

This entry is from David Johnson, the grandson of Roger Johnson and great grandson of Clifton Johnson (an important literary figure born in the Hockanum Village of Hadley in 1865). David Johnson owns the 1901 Knox automobile which was manufactured in Springfield, MA. It is an open carriage, single cylinder three wheeled vehicle that seats two people. Members of Mr. Johnson's family are also riding several high-wheel (42", 46" and 48") antique bicycles and one high wheel tricycle from their collection. All of these bicycles are from the mid-1880's. Some were made by Columbia and others are Gormilly-Jeffery.

Photos JT, MT, MT, JM, JT, JT



Roger Johnson Family and Friends in 1959
Hadley's 300th Parade

Photos courtesy of Ted McQueston

Hatfield Historical Society

Hatfield is known as the first daughter of Hadley. In 1670, Hatfield separated from Hadley to form its own meeting house and Church as the trip across the river to attend meetings and services was too treacherous at times! Thus the Church and a few members from the Hatfield Historical Society on this float.

Photos MT, JT, GD



Banish Misfortune Irish Band

Banish Misfortune is a 5-piece group of musicians from Western Mass who play traditional assortment of Irish reels and jigs. Horses Tom and Charlie are pulling float driven by Roy Wheelock, of Northampton. Musicians are David, Sean, Tim, T.J., and Dave.



Huntington Fire Department

Photos RS, RT







Korean War Veterans Association

Photos GD, JT, GD



Quaboag Highlanders Pipeband

The Quaboag Highlanders Pipe Band is a non-profit community based, family oriented fun pipe band based in the scenic Quaboag Hills region of Monson, MA. It was formed in early 2003 and has become the largest American pipe band in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Photos RT, MT, RT





North County Line Dancers

DMO Construction truck is pulling a decorated 60' flatbed keeping with the Hadley's parade theme of Past and Future, while the North County Line Dancers perform a line dance.

Photos JM, MT, JT



American Truck Historical Society

Pioneer Valley Chapter

Photos JM, MT, MT







Hatfield Hellion Truck

This crazy vehicle was created by a group of restless Hatfield guys in 1970 and has been a parade hit ever since. Jeff Zgrodnik and his Hatfield buddies enjoy pleasing the crowd, both young and old, and will probably be doing so for many more years to come.

Photos RT, MT, opposite page RT



Whately Fire Department

The old 1929 Model A belonging to the Town of Whately was restored by the Whately Fire Fighters Association.

Granby Police Department

The Granby PD Auxiliary officers in the cruiser are Sgt. Kristina Kofidis and Sgt. Jason Gravel.

Photos JT, MT, MT



Glenn Loud

This WWII U S Army Jeep is a 1944 Willys MB owned by Glenn and Susane Loud from Westhampton, MA. This 1/4 ton, 4x4 vehicle was the standard jeep used in WWII and was often used as a litter-carrier ambulance. The trailer is a 1952 US Army M100 1/4 ton trailer used during the Korean conflict and commonly towed by the Willys Jeep.



Hatfield Selectmen and Hatfield Fire Dept.

Hatfield Selectmen: Marcus J. Boyle, Chairman, Darryl Williams, Edward J. Lesko Jr.

Photos RT, MT, RT





Allard's Farm

The Allard family farm has existed since 1935. They grow approximately 500 acres of corn (100 of which is silage), 200 acres of hay and milk 110 registered brown Swiss cows. Some of their brown Swiss calves are seen in this entry.

Photo MT, MT, JD

South Hadley

The St. Patrick's Parade Committee's float has a revolving turntable with appropriate music and uses Norman Rockwell paintings to depict President F. D. Roosevelt's famous "Four Freedoms" (Freedom of speech and worship; freedom from want and fear).

Photo MT





Roosevelt's Four Freedoms

At the University of Chicago, Roosevelt delivered his famous "Four Freedoms" speech to Congress in January 1941. The speech outlined the principles of freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom from want, and freedom from fear.

Roosevelt to Congress
January 6, 1941



FREEDOM...



U.S.A.



South Hadley Selectmen

South Hadley Selectmen:
Marilyn Ishler, Carlene
Hamlin, Gregory Sheenan,
(Chairman), John Hine, and
Robert Judge.



South Hadley St. Patrick's Parade Committee

This float is about the "greatest generation". It depicts scenes from the European Theatre of operations as well as the Pacific during WWII. It pays homage to those who sacrificed so much for us and asked nothing but quiet lives in return. The float has a revolving turntable with appropriate patriotic music.

Ted Buckhout, who is a South Hadley native and a Hadley resident, is on the float.





The "Greatest Generation" may be fading,
But will never be forgotten.





The Melha Shriners

Photos JT, JT, JT, JM, opposite page RT, Clowns on next two pages GD,GD,RT,RT,RT,RT,RT,RT,JT









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Allard's Farm, Inc.

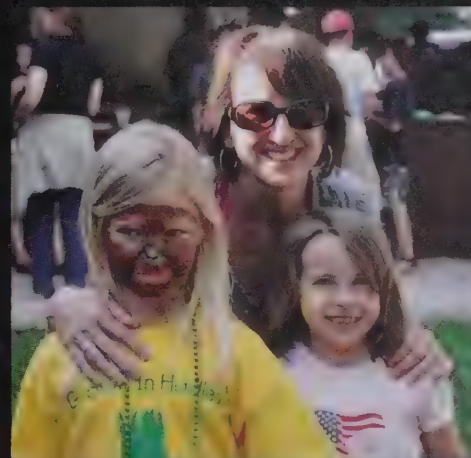
"THE END" banner is mounted on the back of a combine, courtesy of the Allard's Farm and driven by Val Bialecki with passengers Robin, Molly, Maggie and Buddy Bialecki, all from Easthampton.

Photos RT, JM





Post Parade
Party hosted by
the
Young Men's
Club.

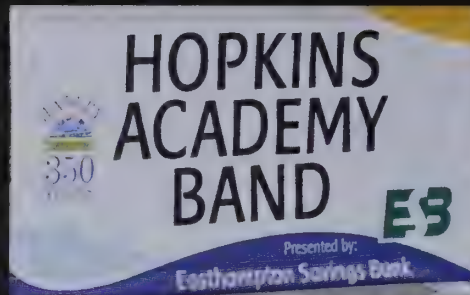






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PARADE FUN FACTS:

Number of participants: 1200, the oldest being 101

Number of added volunteers on parade day: over 60

The parade began on time at 1:00 PM and lasted until around 3:15

The weather was perfect for the actual parade.

The www.hadley350.org website had 2,090 visitors in three days (6/12, 6/13 and 6/14) with 1,081 of them on parade day!

The most popular shirt worn by spectators was the "Grown in Hadley" t-shirt

Items thrown or handed out by parade participants to the crowd included:

- Bananas (Whole Foods)

- Asparagus spears (Asparagus Man)

- Donuts and apples (Atkins)

- Frisbees

- Mini footballs "Exercise, Eat Well, Stay Healthy... We Can Wait" (Czelusniak Funeral Home)

- Tomato plants

- Beach balls & Mardi Gras beads (Council on Aging)

- Lots of candy

There were no traffic jams, and lots of spectators

It took the horse drawn stage coach 45 minutes to

go from the start of the parade to the end.

Someone emailed the hadley350 website at

12:56 PM (4 minutes before the start of the parade)

to ask if the malls would be open.

Number of hours the parade committee spent working

on the parade over the past three years:

uncountable... and priceless.

Photo GD (notice reflection of crowd on axe)



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